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Dear Honorable Sir or Madam,

Please do what you can to stop the scheme to enact a National Popular Vote. The NPV is an example of extreme naivety at best or an act of Constitutional subversion. The establishment of the Electoral College is genius and is the best system to protect the nation against tyranny and dictatorship. The Electoral College must be preserved. Here's why:

1. The Electoral College gives some power to smaller states so that their interests and votes are weighed. The smaller states and their interests would be completely trampled by states with larger populations.
2. The Electoral College ensures that candidates visit and campaign in smaller states too.
3. Plebiscites (majority rule) historically have led to dictatorships and the Founding Fathers were acutely aware of this threat. Hence, the Electoral College appears in the United States Constitution.
4. Regions of the country would dominate elections held under the law of a national popular vote. In other countries, History has shown that this outcome has led to regional conflicts. The Electoral College ensures that all regions' interests are considered as well as the nation's interests as a whole.
5. States rights are considered with the Electoral College and provide a nice 'check and balance' to elections with this nod to Federalism.
6. Not one vote is disenfranchised under the Electoral College.

The whole point of the Electoral College was/is to prevent a direct Democracy! A direct Democracy comes with all sorts of problems (demagoguery, the horrifying possibility of California leading the nation, "flavor of the day" wins, and other corruptions). The Founding Fathers saw the NPV as a threat to our Republic. The Electoral College is a great tool of freedom, given to us in the US Constitution that we should fight to preserve.

Sincerely,



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